

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

October 29, 2014
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the October 29, 2014, City Council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: State of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Recreation Services Director Craig Smith and Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey gave an update on the funding gap from 2010; key moments in history; and updates on recreation and parks from 2010-present.

Council discussion:

- Few civic amenities people value more than parks and recreation.
- As more people annex into the City, council must consider how it will deal with the River Road Park District.
- Growing capacity in parks system is critical; create economic development issues.
- Public/private partnerships can help with maintaining parks.
- Parks facilities are in decline and will continue unless sustainable funding source is found.
- Parks and recreation reflect and improve overall community health; system to be proud of.
- Very important to acquire land; can't manufacture more land.
- Accessibility in parks and recreation facilities is critical.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to request the City Manager to develop funding options for City Council consideration for the FY16 Budget to sustainably maintain Parks and Recreation Facilities. **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder